

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Elections-Ordinary Elections to Panchayat Raj Institutions- Death of Polling Personnel in the course of discharge of Election duty in connection with local body elections- Payment of Ex-gratia to the legal heirs of polling personnel who expired while on Panchayat Raj Institutions election duty- Orders-Issued.

**PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT(E&R)DEPARTMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 25

Dated: 12.2.2014  
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.133,GA(Elections.B)Dept., Dated: 17.4.1998
2. G.O.Ms.No.345,GA(Elections.B)Dept., Dated :7.7.2009
3. From the District Election Authority & Collector, Adilabad Lr.No.263/K3/Pts./2013, Dated :2.8.2013
4. Procs. No.263/K3/Pts./2013, Dated:3.08.2013 of the District Election Authority and Collector, Adilabad.

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In the G.O.1<sup>st</sup> read above orders have been issued for sanction of the ex-gratia /financial assistance to the extent of 20 times of the salary drawn by the deceased official subject to the minimum of 1.50 lakhs to the families of personnel drafted on election duty who die in discharging election duties due to natural causes such as heart attacks etc., or accidents, in connection with General Elections/Bye-elections to House of People/Legislative Assembly.

2. In the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above orders have been issued to enhance sanction of Ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of deceased employee to the extent of 20 times of the salary of the deceased official subject to a minimum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs for the polling personnel who die while on election duty of the House of People and Legislative Assembly.

3. In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Collector and District Election Authority and Adilabad has reported that, Sri Chowhan Gnaneshwar,SGT,Tribal Welfare Primary School, Dandu Thanda, Adilabad District was appointed as Presiding Officer in the III Phase –Gram Panchayat Elections in Polling Station held on 31.07.2013, and during the course of discharging election duty he was expired. The District Collector, Adilabad has submitted proposals for release of budget to pay the ex-gratia to the bereaved family of the deceased officer, as per G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above. Such cases are referred to Government from time to time. In this context the applicability of G.Os issued by the General Administration(Elecs.B)Department in connection with payment of ex-gratia to the polling personnel engaged in Panchayat Raj elections are put in question.

4. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to adopt the orders issued in references 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, and subsequent amendments issued, if any, from time to time by the G.A.(Elections.B)Department on the subject of payment of ex-gratia to the polling personnel who expired while on election duty of Panchayat Raj Institutions in the State.

5. The Collectors and District Election authorities of all Districts (except Hyderabad) are hereby delegated the powers to sanction the ex-gratia to the families /legal heirs of the deceased employees engaged on election duty of Panchayat Raj Institutions, by adopting the orders of the GA(Elecs.B)Dept., in this regard from time to time.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance(Expr.PR)Dept., vide their U.O.No.33701/585/Expr.PR/13, Dated :3.1.2014.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**V. NAGI REDDY**  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PR

To

All the Collectors and District Election Authorities in the State(Except Hyderabad)

Copy to:

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Employment, Hyd.,

The PS to Spl.Secretary to CM

The PS to M(PR&RWS)

The Finance(Expr.pr)Dept.,

The GA(Elecs.B)Dept.,

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**SECTION OFFICER**